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Office Action Summary

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09/622,662

Applicant(s)

SHIN ET AL.

Examiner

Sy D Luu

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 February 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4,7 and 8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4,7 and 8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 2/20/01 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This communication is responsive to the RCE and Amendment B filed 2/14/05 and 11/19/04 respectively.
2. Claims 1-4, 7 and 8 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 2 are independent claims. In the Amendment B, claims 1 and 2 were amended. This action is made Final.
3. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kyoichi et al. ("Kyoichi", JP-10039981A).

As per claim 1, Kyoichi teaches a hypertext display apparatus for displaying a hypertext document, comprising:

display means (abstract; *element 106*) for displaying the hypertext document (abstract; HTML document);

selection means (abstract; *element 108*) for selecting an anchor on the hypertext document according to an instruction from a user;

analysis means for analyzing the hypertext document and for extracting anchor information, attribute selection judgment means for judging according to outputs of said selection means and said analysis means whether or not said anchor having said attribute corresponding to said selection means is selected,

attribute activation judgment means for judging according to an output of the attribute selection judgment means whether or not an anchor having an attribute corresponding to said selection means is activated, and

acquisition means for acquiring from a server data, which is indicated by the anchor information, according to an output of said attribute activation judgment means (abstract).

Claim 2 is similar in scope to claim 1, and would have been rejected under similar rationale. Kyoichi also discloses focus moving means for moving focus to a location in a hypertext document, which is designated by anchor information selected by said selection means (abstract; *moving to the link destination corresponding to the selection*).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. Claims 3 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kyoichi et al. ("Kyoichi", JP-10039981A).

As per claims 3 and 7, Kyoichi does not explicitly disclose said selection means being a means allowing a user to depress a button/key to select an anchor. Official Notice is taken that the use of such a means, e.g. a mouse input device, is notoriously well known in the art. It would have been obvious to an artisan at the time of the invention to include such a selection means with Kyoichi's apparatus in order to provide users with a means for making a selection.

6. Claims 4 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kyoichi et al. ("Kyoichi", JP-10039981A) in view of Noguchi (US 5,983,184).

As per claims 4 and 8, Kyoichi does not teach the selection means to select an anchor by utilizing audio. Noguchi teaches a system for making selection of hyperlinks through voice input (abstract). It would have been obvious to an artisan at the time of the invention to combine Noguchi's voice input feature with Kyoichi's apparatus in order to further facilitate user's navigation control for users with specific needs.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-2 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that Kyoichi does not teach/disclose an anchor with an attribute corresponding to the selection means, and thus Kyoichi does not teach/disclose attribute selection judgement means for judging that such an anchor is selected or attribute activation judgment means for judging that such an anchor is activated.

The Examiner disagrees for the following reasons. By disclosing in the abstract that "display data for calling the input of figure key are inserted by the HTML data control means 105 and displayed on the display means 106, and link corresponding to the figure key input due to user detected by the user input detecting means 108 is executed...the HTML data control means 105 executes move to the link destination corresponding to the user input..." (emphasis added), and as depicted in figure 9, Kyoichi teaches that HTML hyperlinks or anchors are assigned/associated with input figure/numeric keys. These figures/numbers are considered to be attributes corresponding to the selection means, which in this case would be the figure/numeric keys that the user uses to make an input selection. Based on the user input selection of a

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figure/numeric key, selection and activation judgments are made to determine which associated anchor is selected as well as to perform data acquisition from a server for the corresponding link destination accordingly.

Conclusion

8. This is a continuation of applicant's earlier Application No. 09/622,662. All claims are drawn to the same invention claimed in the earlier application and could have been finally rejected on the grounds and art of record in the next Office action if they had been entered in the earlier application. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL** even though it is a first action in this case. See MPEP § 706.07(b). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no, however, event will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

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Inquires

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sy Luu whose telephone number is (571) 272-4064. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday from 7:00 am to 4:30 pm (EST). The examiner can also be reached on alternate Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine Kincaid, can be reached on (571) 272-4063.

The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sy Luu', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

SY D. LUU
PRIMARY EXAMINER